Export of cotton

529. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that cotton farmers in Gujarat State have sufficient cotton stocks for exports; and

(b) if so, what steps are being aken to provide incentives to cotton farmers to raise cotton for export purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR (a) Due to loss of production in some parts of the country, there may not be sufficient stock for export during the current cotton season.

(b) The announcement of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for cotton as also the release of automatic quota of 5 lakh bales for its export are made every year.

खारे जल की मत्स्य पालन प्रौद्योगिकी

530. **कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पश्चिमी बंगाल सरकार ने हाल ही में विश्व बैंक की खारे जल की मत्स्य पालन की दोषपूर्ण प्रौद्योगिकी को भारत के लिए उपयुक्त न होने के आधार पर अस्वीकार कर दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या राज्य सरकार ने इस संबंध में तत्काल उपचारात्मक कदम उठाने के लिए केन्द्र सरकार से अनुरोध किया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो केन्द्रीय सरकार इस मामले में क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार) (क) पश्चिमी बंगाल सरकार से ऐसा कोई पत्र नहीं मिला है।

(ख) से (घ) ये प्रश्न नहीं उठते :

Resettlement of earthquake victims in Latur and Osmanabad

531. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meeting of the Minister for Agriculture and the Chief Minister of Maharashtra has been held recently to discuss and solve the various problems regarding the resettlement of the Latur and Osmanabad earthquake victims;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the meeting; and

(c) if answer to (a) above be in the negative, by when such a meeting is proposed to be held?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no issue relating to the resttlement of earthquake victims of Maharashtr a requiring discussion between Agriculture Minister and the Maharashtra Chief Minister.

World Bank aid for earthquake Victims

532. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total World Bank aid for the reconstruction work for the Latur and Osmanabad earthquake victims;

(b) the World Bank's aid released so far;

(c) the actual utilisation of the aid;

(d) the reasons for non-utilisation of the World Bank aid that has been released; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Agreements for an IDA credit of SDR 177.0 million (US$246million equivalent) have been signed with World Bank on April 6, 1994 to finance the Maharashtra Emergency Earthquake Rehabilitation Project.

(b) to (e) The credit became effective only on June, 27, 1994. The State Government has started action to implement various programmes under the project. Funds will be released periodically on the basis of reimbursement claims submitted by Government of Maharashtra.

Seventh International Mango Festival

533. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Seventh International Mango Festival was organised at New Delhi;

(b) if so, names of the countries which participated in the Festival alongwith their objectives;

(c) whether our country's share in the production of Mangoes is 60% of the total production of Mangoes in the world;

(d) whether large quantities of mangoes have been exported during the years 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(e) if so, the details there of year-wise alongwith foreign exchange earned;

(f) whether Government have proposed to take some measures to increase the growth of mangoes in the country; and

(g) if so, the detais there of and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Apart from India seven foreign countries i.e. Venezuela, Mexico, Pakistan, Portorico, Jamaica and Gambia participatedinthe festival by sending their mango varieties. The objective of the festival was promotion of tourism for creating awarcness about Indian mangoes and to encourage mango growers, exporters and processors.

(c) India's share in the Mango production in world is to the tune of 58.86%.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The foreign exchange earned & quantity exported during 1992-93 and 1993-94 are as under:—

Year	Qty. MTS	Value in Rs. lakh
1992-93 . . .	25850	4599.00
1993-94 . . .	23000	45000 0

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) Government of India is impiementing a Central Sector Scheme for development of fruit crops including Mango with an outlay of Rs. 74.30 crores. Scheme envisages area expansion of Mango in 10,000 hav. improving productivity in 30,200 ha. and laying out of 194 demonstration plots during 8th Five Year Plan. National Horticulture Board also providing assistance on Post harvest infrastructure facilities for horticultural crops including Mango. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development AuthorMty is also providing financial assistance to promote exports.